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BOTTS BILL FOR CRAPS SEEMS SURE

JEFFERSON CITY, Jan. 29.—From the sentiment expressed in the House recently it is almost certain that Judge W. W. Botts anti-craps bill will become a law. On a roll call of the members the bill was passed by engrossment by a constitutional majority of 83 to 48.

The House committee on criminal jurisprudence, to which the bill was referred, reported back to the House that it should not pass. W. W. Botts of Audrain County, author of the bill, defended it and demanded that the bill be passed over the head of the committee, engrossed and given a place on the calendar.

"There is no crime," Botts said, "so prevalent at present than that of shooting 'craps,' in our rural communities and among school children. Why does a man carry dice? To catch someone on the street corner or in the alley and shake him from his money. It is the most convenient form of gambling in the world as well as the dirtiest and lowest and I hope this House will go on record as favoring its suppression."

Charles Sutton of Reynolds County stated that crap games were new to him as they were not indulged in where he lived and asked that Mr. Botts be allowed to instruct him in the outer hall in order that he might vote on the bill intelligently.

When the roll was called Walter M. Moore of St. Louis, the negro representative, failed to live up to the reputation of his race and voted for the bill.

Bill Introduced To Teach Thrift In The Schools

A thrift bill has been introduced into the State Senate by Senator Senneker and into the House of Representatives by J. M. Tatum of McDonald County, according to a letter received Thursday by Ed C. Offutt from D. W. Clayton, director of the educational department.

The bill follows: Section 1.—There shall be taught in the public schools of the State of Missouri a course of lessons on the subject of thrift. These lessons shall emphasize the importance of industry, production, earning, rise, spending, regular saving and safe investment; also of the importance of thrift in time and material. Section 2.—It shall be the duty of the state superintendent of public schools to prepare an outline of the course of study on the subject of thrift, this outline to be a part of the state course of study for elementary schools.

Sam A. Baker, state superintendent of schools, and the members of the legislative committee of the State Teachers' Association are very much in favor of this bill.

GLACIER PARK TRAIL MAY COME HERE

The Glacier Park Trail, a highway being promoted through this section of Missouri by B. T. Fuqua, of Benson, Minn., according to plans already arranged is to pass through Mexico and Audrain county.

The road has been located as far as Kirksville and from there will go to Macon and Moberly and thence to Mexico. However, according to news dispatches Kirksville is anxious to have the route changed after reaching Moberly and go to Columbia instead of this city.

Just what will be the outcome of the matter is not known at this time.

The Glacier Park trail extends from Glacier Park to Minneapolis. Their plan now is to extend it to St. Louis. The St. Louis Automobile Club has promised that if the road were brought to St. Louis, St. Louis would take it on east to the Atlantic Coast.

Bergdoll Wires Back.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., January 28.—The Public Ledger last night received a cablegram dated Eberbach, Baden, and signed "Bergdoll," which read as follows: "We captured six Departments of Justice Agents and threw them into prison. We are safe and sound." While Bergdoll was a fugitive in this county during the war the same newspaper received numerous letters and post cards bearing his signature.

COL. WHITE ENJOYS THE FAR SOUTH

The following letter concerning Florida will be of interest to many here as quite a number from Mexico and Audrain county visit there in the winter. Col. White is spending several weeks there preparing a number of good fish stories for relation upon his return.

Sarasota, Florida, January 28, 1921.
After a delightful two weeks' visit with Dr. A. A. Wallace at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Green at Miami Beach on the east coast of Florida, I am at the quiet little village of Sarasota on the west coast for a little while.

The Greens have a lovely home in the midst of coconut palms and other tropical foliage right on the Atlantic Ocean with an ideal bathing beach. We can conceive of no better place for a busy tired man to get a real rest from the strenuous activities of life, and at that Green had not been there a week till he found Mr. Glandon in Havana, Cuba, and sold a train load of twenty two cars of brick.

Miami Beach, which stretches its loveliness along a palm-fronted peninsula, separated from the city of Miami by Biscayne Bay, but connected with that metropolis of leisure by a two and one-half mile long concrete causeway, is a paradise of mid-winter attractions and diversions. Today there is a superb casino, spacious and elegant Roman sanitary salt water pools, a perfect polo field, wonderful tennis courts, splendid golf links, miles of dustless highways, cozy homes and sumptuous villas, an aviation field and here, too, is Florida's greatest rendezvous for motor boats.

Miami City is the Land of Enchantment, the Gem of the Subtropics, the Magic City of the East Coast! It is the mecca for those who are seeking a Winter Resort with city environment, and to spend a season where the soft air, the waving palms, the gorgeous foliage and the rich vegetation of the tropics lend their potent charm to the idyllic scene, spells comfort to the visitor. Miami is famous for her hotels, and new ones are being added to the list each year. The city is also well supplied with first-class restaurants, cafeterias and tea rooms. New modern apartments may be hired at prices according to size and location, and houses and bungalows galore are for rent during the winter season.

Fishing is one of Miami's greatest attractions and the Miami Anglers Club welcomes devotees of this sport to its membership. A large number of boats are available for deep sea fishing, and more are building. During the summer of 1919 there was organized the Bimini Bay Gun and Rod Club, which acquired a reservation and built a \$125,000 club house on North Bimini Island, the nearest of the Bahamas, forty-five miles east of Miami.

The Hoxseys had not arrived in Miami when we left, and we have an idea they had had roads and bad weather for their car in Georgia. I agree with Mr. Hoxsey's letter to the Ledger, that we need better roads in Audrain and that Mexico should have an auto club.

We attended Billie Bryan's big Bible Class in the park at Miami, and Dr. Wallace opened with prayer and pronounced the benediction. Enormous crowds attend this class every Sunday, and Mr. Bryan, who has his winter home in Miami, is doing a world of good.

The writer together with Dr. Wallace, Bobbie and Allen Green, went fishing one day and I was going to blow a little about what we caught happened to remember that we all agreed "not to tell anything out of school"—either true or false—and suffice it to say we did not exceed the limit.

The Greens not only have a most delightful home, but are certainly gracious entertainers; and both Dr. Wallace and the writer will ever cherish pleasant memories of our visit. This includes Miss Josephine, Bob and Allen. Did you ever think what life would be without friends, any way?

R. M. WHITE.

Audrain Women Honored.

Mrs. J. G. Wagoner, of Western Audrain, was elected president of the Home Makers' organization recently at Farmers' Week in Columbia. Mrs. Lee Alford, of Vandalia, was elected treasurer. Both of these women are representative of their splendid communities, and Audrain should feel justly proud of their securing two of the state officials of such an important organization as the Home Makers.

R. L. Creed of Auxvasse was a business visitor here Friday.

The Bad Roads

Regardless of the fact that the dirt roads have been kept fairly well crowned the conditions of the dirt highways in Audrain are almost impassable.

We saw a man drive into Mexico this week with a two wheeled cart drawn by two teams. If there was ever an indictment of roads that had all the arguments in the world behind it we believe this was it.

Think of it two teams to draw a small two wheeled cart over Audrain roads. We trust this condition will not last long. Audrain is too great and too progressive a county to allow this.

F. Mitchell White

WILL BE SEEN BY METHODISTS CHURCH TO CHINA

Miss Corinne Markley, Red Cross nurse here; Miss Louise Morrill, school nurse and Miss Oleta Leary, nurse at the Audrain Hospital have been accepted as nurses for the hospital for Chinese girls in China, and will leave some time next summer. They will be sent by the Methodist Church, south.

Miss Markley has been in Mexico about a year, since her return from duty during the war in France. Miss Morrill and Miss Leary were also in France with Miss Markley. They have been in Mexico for several months.

C.H. Spottswood Store Is Robbed Monday Night

The C. H. Spottswood grocery store was entered last night by thieves, and goods valued at about \$40 was taken. Cigars, cigarettes and all the bacon in the store, together with some canned goods was missing this morning.

Mr. Spottswood said that the thieves probably entered the front door by means of a skeleton key, as there were no signs elsewhere of the store having been entered. It is thought that more than one person was connected with the robbery.

TOBACCO VICTIM

Agitators who are pushing legislation for the suppression of tobacco may soon be pointing to J. S. Sparks, north of Paris, as another horrible example. Mr. Sparks may have to undergo a skin-grafting operation as a result of his fondness for the weed. While riding along the road one afternoon last week he was seized with awful pains on one hip, his sufferings being so severe that he took no notice of minor agony like that inflicted by fire until a conflagration in his trousers suddenly burst into a bright blaze. Before it could be extinguished two large places had been burned deep into the flesh. Dr. Furnish, who was called to dress the wounds, was of the opinion that skin would have to be grafted over the places before they would heal. The fire originated from Mr. Sparks's pipe. He thrust it into his pocket after enjoying a smoke and thinks it still contained fire.—Paris Appeal.

Missouri Poets Reorganized.
COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 29.—Two University of Missouri poets—Miss Ida Judith Johnson and Miss Caroline Gerriah Pickard—both recently enrolled in the Graduate School of the University, are listed in the 1918-20 edition of the College Anthology. Sixty-two institutions are represented among their eight state universities. The University of California leads with eight poems. Washington, Wisconsin, Texas and Missouri have two apiece, while Illinois, Wyoming and Minnesota have one apiece.

Distance and Tooth Ache.
OMAHA, Jan. 29.—Distance is no obstacle to William Peterson, Little Sioux, Ia., farmer. Peterson awoke Thursday night with a toothache. His dentist, Dr. C. D. Shepard, lives in Omaha. A little telephoning, an airplane and a bonfire to mark a landing here did the rest. Peterson goes back home much relieved.

COUNTY RED CROSS TO BECOME INACTIVE FEW MONTHS

There was a meeting Monday morning of the Audrain County chapter of the Red Cross at which representatives from over the county were present. It was decided that the county chapter will be inactive for several months because of the failure of the roll call last fall to raise sufficient funds to carry on the work of the chapter and the county nurse.

Miss Corinne Markley, who has been county nurse for more than a year, has turned in her resignation which was accepted and will have a similar position in St. Louis. Her resignation takes effect February 1.

It is hoped that the people in the county will respond to the cause and will support the roll call next fall, so that the chapter may again become active.

Miss Pauline Parr of the St. Louis Red Cross was present at the meeting.

IS PRESIDENT

The Older Boys and Girls Township Conference of Salt River Township was held Sunday at the Methodist Church at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. This is a quarterly meeting. At this meeting, the following officers were elected: President, Priscilla Sannebeck; vice-president, Ralph Jesse; secretary, Rose Stallings, and treasurer, Emil Gooch. An interesting program followed.

C. OF C. BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION ADOPTED THURS.

The weekly Chamber of Commerce luncheon was held Thursday noon at the Hoxsey Hotel with thirty-five members present. The constitution and bylaws were read and unanimously adopted by those present. It was decided to change the name of the Chamber of Commerce to the Audrain County Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Cross of Moberly was present at the meeting. John L. Tait of the Fisher-Brown advertising agency of St. Louis made a short talk in which he said that business is picking up everywhere, and told of the number of new companies that are advertising who never advertised before.

A resolution, drawn up by Leo Coonts and L. M. White, expressing of the members of the Chamber of Commerce for J. W. Gallaher, president, was read. The resolution follows: Whereas, God in his merciful providence has seen fit to remove from this life the beloved sister of our president, J. W. Gallaher, therefore we, the members of the Chamber of Commerce extend to him our heartfelt sympathy in his sad bereavement.

A Shetland pony belonging to Walter Heintz, son of C. D. Heintz, ran away on South Jefferson street about 10 o'clock Thursday evening and threw from the vehicle young Heinrich and Chas. Wood. Neither boy was injured but the runabout was demolished.

Is 95 Years Old Saturday.
Uncle Rufus Pearson celebrated his ninety-fifth birthday, Saturday, January 29. Many of his friends were in to see him and to wish him many happy returns of the day.

Octave Ellis of the Skinner neighborhood was in Mexico Monday on business.

J. W. GALLAHER IS CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR

City Councilman, J. W. Gallaher, who has been Mayor pro tem of the City of Mexico, for the past year, and whose term of office expires this year, has announced his candidacy for Mayor of the City of Mexico, to fill out the one year unexpired term of Mayor Harrison who recently resigned.

Mr. Gallaher's announcement came only after members of the Council and his friends urged him to make this move; not only because he was personally fitted for such a position but because he was thoroughly familiar with the work to be done in the Council for 1921, which is the culmination of a program that has been developing for several years and which it is absolutely necessary to have someone thoroughly familiar with, directing.

Mr. Gallaher has resigned as President of the Chamber of Commerce, and his resignation was accepted with regrets by the directors of that body; but they felt that it would be an imposition to ask him to hold both places and that under the circumstances he could serve the city to better advantage as mayor considering the improvements to be made by the council this year and his previous official continuation with the works.

Tom Bruce has announced for Councilman in the first ward, Ed Pearl in the second ward, Virgil Pearl in the third ward and Turner Williams in the fourth. All are popular and capable young business men.

Gasoline Drops 2 Cents On The Gallon Tuesday

Gasoline has dropped another two cents on the gallon, according to word received at the Standard Oil filling station Tuesday. This is the second drop within a week, the first drop of two cents coming January 25. There are chances of the price being raised soon, it is said, as it is thought that the bottom price has been reached. This makes the present price 26.3 cents a gallon at the filling station and 24.3 cents at the warehouse.

Coal oil dropped three cents Tuesday, and two cents January 25. This is the biggest drop ever known in oil in such a short time. Usually the drop is from a third to a half cent, or a cent at the most.

Chautauqua Circle Notes.

The Chautauqua Circle met Tuesday afternoon, January 25, at 2:30 o'clock at the library. Mrs. Earl Brown acted as leader. The lesson was devoted mostly to Napoleon the Little, his prosperity and decadence along with the important events during his time. The following were on duty:

Sketch of Victor Hugo—Mrs. Ross Cauthorn.

Early Part of Reign of Louis Napoleon—Mrs. Harry Shroat.

The Crimean War—Mrs. George Clanton.

Congress of Paris—Mrs. Whitmore.

Sketch of Empress Eugenie—Mrs. Wallace Fry.

France and Italy in 1858—Mrs. Russell Emmons.

Sketch of Second Empire—Miss Botts.

Some Important Points in the Week's Reading—Miss Wright.

Sale Brings \$4,000.

The public sale of P. T. Bruce held near Skinner last Wednesday, totaled more than \$4,000. A large crowd attended and everything brought good prices. The top pair of mules brought \$280. The average price for hogs was \$38 and for sheep \$8.50. Cows brought from \$50 to \$80. Dinner was served on the grounds. The sale was auctioned by J. R. Brown and Joe Gregory and was clerked by Charles Householder and C. R. Spurling.

Mexico Society Meeting.

The Audrain County Medical Society met Friday evening and among other things passed a resolution favoring the establishment of a State Hospital and Medical school at Columbia. The resolution was forwarded to the Senator and Representative representing Audrain county at Jefferson City.

Is Junior President.

Frank Houston, who is a junior at the School of Journalism at the University, has been elected all-junior class president there.

SUES A. P. GREEN FIRE BRICK COMPANY FOR \$10,000

A case for \$10,000 damages has been filed in the circuit court by Willie J. Bryant against the A. P. Green Fire Brick Company for personal injury.

In his petition, Bryant alleges that he was permanently crippled September 27, 1920 while an employee of this company. He charges that while he was on two cars of clay driven by a mule and was entering the west tunnel from the north end, another car, which he could not see because of the darkness, which had no one on it, entered the west tunnel at the east end, and came with such force down the incline there, that he was thrown from his cars and pinioned under the cars.

Bryant says that it is the duty of the company to keep a watchman at the junction of the west tunnel who should have a light or a whistle to warn them if it was not safe to start in that tunnel.

He asks \$10,000 and costs.

To Have Great Lenten Evangelistic Campaign

A personal evangelistic campaign will begin at the Methodist Church in Mexico February 9, and will end Easter Sunday March 27. During the campaign, the members of the church will be asked to refrain as far as possible from any social obligation so that they can give themselves to this evangelistic campaign.

There are over 300 persons in Mexico and vicinity who prefer the Methodist Church to other churches, but who are not members. During this campaign, it is hoped that many of these persons will become members of the church.

The evangelistic committee is composed of the following persons: The Rev. W. C. Cowart, Maj. J. H. Whitmore, Lester Miller, C. A. Adams, J. O. Hale, Mrs. Milton Patterson and Mrs. D. H. Stone.

WEARS MEDAL

R. S. McKinney, county surveyor, is wearing a Southern Cross of Honor given him by the United Daughters of the Confederacy. This cross has been given to all the former Confederate soldiers.

The cross has been made from Confederate artillery. On one side is the name of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and on the other is the date 1861 to 1865, and an inscription in Latin and Mr. McKinney's name. Mr. McKinney said one was given him about twenty-five years ago, but he had lost it, and was given the one he now wears.

MAY BE RELEASED

Special to Evening Ledger:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—Attorney General Palmer has recommended that Eugene Debs, recently candidate for president on the Socialist ticket, who is in Atlanta Federal prison on political charges, have his sentence commuted February 12.

Debs was placed in prison during the war for having violated a part of the espionage act because he openly fought the United States' entrance into the war and was accused of trying to delay the draft.

Has 171,486 Books.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 29.—The University of Missouri library, with a report of 171,486 volumes on hand, ranks twenty-first among twenty-eight university libraries covered in recent statistics given out by the Librarian of Princeton University. Harvard leads all, with 2,028,000 volumes. Harvard also leads in the amount expended for additions in the last year, an outlay of \$90,720. Missouri spent in the same time \$13,000.

Money For European Relief.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Jan. 29.—A total of about \$500 has been raised at the University of Missouri for the European student relief fund, which is being fostered by the Hoover-American Relief Administration. Of this, about \$400 was realized from a benefit theatrical performance.

S. P. Cunningham went to Laddonia Thursday on business. He will be gone several days.

FAVORS STATE HOSPITAL IN MISSOURI NOW

The following motion was made at a call meeting of the Audrain County Medical Society January 28th, 1921 by Dr. J. C. Parrish, of Vandalia, and seconded by Dr. J. G. Moore, of Mexico, Mo.: That the Audrain County Medical Society endorse the efforts of the committee on Medical Education in its efforts to secure an adequate appropriation for the erection of a State Hospital at the State University and that this be followed by the establishment of full course in Medical Education.

The fundamental subjects taught at the State University at Columbia are given in such a manner that at the State Board examinations these students are always in the lead according to members of the State Examining Boards and owing to the high cost of obtaining medical education in universities other than the State institutions and to the fact that the students are surrounded by he university environment it appears that Missouri should give the full course in medicine. We appropriate money for our boys and girls to study law, engineering, agriculture and veterinary, why not appropriate money to teach a subject that is vital to every person in the state—medicine? Our students would locate here in our state.

Audrain was the first county in Missouri to establish a county hospital under the new state law and the physicians here are anxious to see the state hospital as planned materialize.

Miss Fay Snidow Files Suit Against Insurance Ass'n

Miss Fay Snidow filed a suit in the circuit court Monday against the Inter-State Business Men's Accident Association on policy, for \$714.10.

In her petition, Miss Snidow says that she had an insurance policy with this company in which the company agreed to pay \$20 a week for the first week and for twenty-nine weeks after that while the policy was in force if she was sick or diseased. She alleges that she was sick from March 8, 1920 to September 3, 1920, and was confined to her home, during which time she had to have the care of a physician, and that the company refused to pay her the \$20 a week.

She is suing for \$512 which she alleges, the company should have paid according to the terms of the policy, for 20 per cent damages and for \$140 for attorney's fees.

Sues C. & A. For \$225.

A suit has been filed in the circuit court by E. F. Haycraft against the Chicago & Alton railroad company for damages. In his petition, Mr. Haycraft says that on September 27, 1920, he shipped eighty-three head of fat hogs from Laddonia to St. Louis, and that fifteen hours was a reasonable length of time for them to get there. They did not get there for twenty-one hours, he alleges, during which time the market had closed, and by waiting until September 29, the market had gone down. He also alleges that in that time, the hogs shrank more than is usual. He is suing for what he lost by not having them on the market September 28, and for the expense of keeping them longer than he had expected.

Divorces Filed.

Two divorces were filed in the circuit court Monday, that of Tessie Tanner against William A. Tanner and of Ethel Watts against Escoe Watts.

POWER COMPANY CASE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT

A hearing was held in the circuit court room Wednesday afternoon by Commissioner Bean of the Public Service Commission of Missouri for the Mexico Power Company. The Mexico Power Company's wanting to raise the rates, and reasons were heard. The city's attorney put up refutations against the raise.

Witnesses were heard, but there was no decision given. The case was taken under advisement, and it will be from thirty to sixty days before anything is decided about the matter.

Girl For Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan.

A fine baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Neal Sullivan Monday afternoon, January 31.